



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 147***

LCO No. 566

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT PERMITTING "FIFTY-FIFTY" COUPON GAMES AT CERTAIN ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 7-185a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2010*):

4 (c) [Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-177, any] (1) Any  
5 organization conducting a bazaar may operate "fifty-fifty" coupon  
6 games each day of a permitted bazaar event and, notwithstanding  
7 section 7-177, may award cash prizes of fifty per cent of "fifty-fifty"  
8 coupon game sales for each coupon drawing conducted. A "fifty-fifty"  
9 coupon game at a bazaar shall be operated from an authorized bazaar  
10 booth.

11 (2) Any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or  
12 raffle pursuant to section 7-172 may apply for a "fifty-fifty" special  
13 event permit to operate "fifty-fifty" coupon games at organization  
14 functions and athletic events and, notwithstanding section 7-177, may  
15 award cash prizes of fifty per cent of the "fifty-fifty" coupon game sales

16 for each coupon drawing conducted pursuant to such permit. Such  
17 permit may be obtained from the Division of Special Revenue by  
18 applying on a form prescribed by the executive director accompanied  
19 by a fee of fifty dollars, of which twenty-five dollars shall be retained  
20 by the state and twenty-five dollars shall be remitted to the  
21 municipality. Such permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed one  
22 year.

23 (3) Not more than three scheduled drawings may be held on any  
24 day on which a bazaar, organization function or athletic event, as  
25 applicable, is [permitted] held. [A "fifty-fifty" coupon game shall be  
26 operated from an authorized bazaar booth,] Each "fifty-fifty" coupon  
27 game shall be subject to the regulation of the executive director of the  
28 Division of Special Revenue and shall allow for the sale of "fifty-fifty"  
29 coupons at a predetermined uniform price. Each "fifty-fifty" coupon  
30 shall be consecutively numbered and shall have a correspondingly  
31 numbered stub. Each sponsoring organization shall provide different  
32 colored coupons for each drawing and shall award one prize for each  
33 drawing held. Each organization conducting such games shall  
34 conspicuously post, at each bazaar booth, or at each organization  
35 function or athletic event at which such games are conducted, a notice  
36 or notices which shall include the dates, times and places of any "fifty-  
37 fifty" coupon drawings, as well as the prices and colors of coupons to  
38 be sold for each drawing. The executive director shall prescribe the  
39 form of such notice which shall contain the following statement:  
40 "Holders of coupons must be present to claim a prize." Each such  
41 organization shall account for each coupon printed and sold for each  
42 drawing and shall announce the amount of sales and the prize to be  
43 awarded immediately prior to each drawing. The sponsoring  
44 organization shall preserve all sold and unsold coupons or stubs for a  
45 period of at least one year from the date of the verified statement  
46 required pursuant to section 7-182 or subdivision (4) of this section, as  
47 applicable.

48 (4) At the conclusion of a bazaar, organization function or athletic

49 event, each organization conducting such games, and its members who  
 50 were in charge [thereof] of such a game, shall furnish to the chief of  
 51 police of the municipality or to the [first selectman] chief executive  
 52 officer, as the case may be, a verified statement, prescribed by the  
 53 executive director of the Division of Special Revenue, in duplicate,  
 54 showing [(1)] (A) the total number of coupons purchased and sold for  
 55 each "fifty-fifty" coupon game drawing, [and (2)] (B) the total number  
 56 and amount of prizes awarded and the names and addresses of the  
 57 persons to whom the prizes were awarded, and (C) any other  
 58 information that the executive director may reasonably require. Such  
 59 report shall be furnished during the next succeeding month following  
 60 each month that such a game was conducted. The chief of police or  
 61 first selectman, as the case may be, shall forward the original copy of  
 62 such report to the executive director, who shall keep it on file and  
 63 available for public inspection for a period of one year thereafter. Such  
 64 report shall be certified, [to] under penalty of false statement, by the  
 65 three persons designated in the permit application as being responsible  
 66 for the bazaar pursuant to section 7-173.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | October 1, 2010 | 7-185a(c) |
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow the use of "fifty-fifty" coupon game fundraising at organization functions and athletic events pursuant to a "fifty-fifty" special event permit.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*